

# ***TIGER TIMES***



## **Welcome back to school!** **What's New?**

### **Eliminating Traditional Learning**

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Union City presented Personalized Learning to their 9th-12th grade classes. This innovative program offers students an opportunity to work at their own pace. Although the majority of assignments are online, the teachers are extremely involved in the learning process. Mandatory class meetings are held at least twice a week, during which teachers have time to explain lesson plans and assist students with their work.

In addition to mandatory class meetings, students are required to meet with their assigned mentor once a week. The mentor program was created so students could have one on one time with an instructor. Each student's mentor is responsible for keeping their mentee on track, assisting students in setting goals for each upcoming week, and helping students reflect on their performance over the past week.

The school's administration is very excited to offer students an opportunity to progress at their own pace in a more comfortable and flexible environment. This program is a stepping stone in modern education, as history teacher Coach Anderson enthusiastically stated, "This exciting new way to learn is a great way for students to excel – offering students more personal help from instructors."

-Livia Nelson

### **September Events**

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - Mustang's  
Western Days**

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - FFA State Fair**

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - FFA District Colt  
Convention**

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - JH Academic Meet @  
Lomega**

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - FFA Tulsa State  
Fair**

**ACT Test Dates**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Fun Fact!

Students are required to be at school at least 6 hours per day. Administration has developed an efficient check in and checkout system to keep track of students

## Adapting to Change

As a new school year starts, Union City has introduced some changes. The sixth grade has moved up from the elementary to the middle school, and we asked a few students if they like it. 6<sup>th</sup> grader Tyler Norton said, "I really like having the lockers," and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Ryann Graves stated, "I like switching classes and having different teachers."

With the high school having moved to the personalized learning system, we wanted to find out how they like it. Senior Colton Mosher said, "I miss the straight teacher to student interaction". Junior Kasey Bieber stated, "I really like it. It works better with my schedule so I can get more done with my Votech." Freshman Brionah O'Neal said, "I like working on what I want when I want without having to be at a certain place." The new program has been a hit with most students. As the school year goes on, it will hopefully continue to grow on students even more as everyone learns how to adapt.

-Micheal Bolles

## New Elementary School

With the sixth grade being moved to the middle school, we decided to ask Mrs. Griggs how she felt about it. "We have many new students – more than we've had in the last 15 years!" she stated. She also believes that with the new set up students will be more productive and have an exciting year. The Pre-K and Kindergarten believe that the move was for the better. Not only is it more efficient, it is also safer for the younger children. They are excited to have new classrooms and more classroom time.

-Allisen Corlee



## Did You Know?

Science teacher Mr. Bengé has a special talent. He whistles using his teeth! Traditional whistling, also known as “Pucker Whistling,” is one of the most common techniques of whistling, but if you’ve ever had Mr. Bengé as a teacher then you know the type of whistle that he does with what looks like an awkward smile. There is no recorded date on exactly when whistling originated. It dates back to the mid 1800’s, but it could’ve been discovered before that. It was also commonly used in the Wild West in country music. We asked Mr. Bengé a few questions, and he told us a few things about his whistling. Q: “When did you first learn to whistle like that?” A: “I first learned it in grade school.” Q: “Can you try and explain the technique?” A: He told us that he couldn’t really but it had to do with his tongue and his teeth. Q: “How do you feel about your whistling?” A: “I think it’s awesome because I get a lot of attention from my students about it.” Q: “What is your real motive for doing it, is it for recreation or more for attention?” A: “I mostly do it for recreation, but people think it’s cool when I do it, so it gets there attention.” Whistling has been around for thousands of years and people are still learning how to do it today. Will whistling ever die out?

-Colten Mosher

## Ask Your Teacher

### MRS. MCREYNOLDS

**Q: What is the best Christmas present you could ever receive?**

A: A winning lottery ticket

**Q: What do you do outside of school?**

A: Clean horse stalls

### MRS. KOLAR

**Q: What’s your favorite type of music?**

A: 90’s music or alternative/hip hop

**Q: What do you do outside of school?**

A: Play with my cats, read and even play video games

-Blaise Withrow &  
Joey Lorenzen

## Sports



Volleyball Record: 11-5



Baseball Record: 7-3



# Advice Column

With Layne Barger

My parents won't let me get a dog.  
What do I do?



Owning a dog is a big responsibility. To get your parents to let you adopt a dog, you need to prove to them that you're responsible. Make sure you do all of your chores and homework without your parents having to nag at you to do it. Also, do a little research on what it means to really own a dog and all the responsibilities that come with dog ownership. Good Luck.

Help, I'm nine years old, and I want to get an iPhone, but my parents don't think that I'm ready to have a phone.

Back in my day, we didn't have all these fancy gadgets and doohickeys. I didn't get a phone until I was at least 14, and it was one of those old school flip phones. I had to work my way up to finally getting an iPhone. If I were you, I'd ask for an iPod first and prove to your parents that you can handle it. Good Luck.

-Layne Barger

## Union City FFA

It's Mr. Stewart's second year at Union City High School, and he is off to a great start. Mr. Stewart states in an interview, "I want the kids, by the end of the show season to have a greater work ethic not only for the animals but in school and at home." Last week the Union City 4-H and FFA showed in the Canadian County Free Fair, August 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. Our showers will now start preparing for the Oklahoma State Fair, September 15-25. Tulsa State Fair will follow shortly on September 29-October 9th.



-Alycia Johns

## New Gymnasium



*The new gym is expected to be finished in April 2017. The gym will include a drop down scoreboard, a training room, offices for the Coaches, a safe room, batting cages, a clock on the backboard and also time clocks in the locker rooms.*

-Photos by Alex Chipps